

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2797 - HB 3046

February 27, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any health insurance plan from denying any licensed ophthalmologist or clinic operated by a licensed ophthalmologist the right to be a participating provider in a network.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Department of Commerce and Insurance would require insurance companies to file new rates and forms. The increase would not be significant and could be absorbed within existing resources.
- There would not be a significant impact on the operation or cost of the state and local govt. health plans. Local govt. plans, that are not part of the state sponsored plans, will not have a significant increase in expenditures.
- The TennCare managed care organizations use an open network system and will have no fiscal impact from the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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